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FM AMEMBASSY ATHENS

TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 9423

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DEPT PLEASE PASS CINCUSNAVEUR

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MMOL, PFOR, NATO, GR, US

SUBJECT: AMMUNITION SHORTAGE AT SOUDA BAY

REF: STATE 155193

1. POSSIBLE SIGNIFICANT SHORTAGE IN US AERIAL BOMBS AND ALLIED MATERIEL STORED IN NATO AMMUNITION FACILITY AT TSIFTE, SOUDA BAY, WHICH IS UNDER EXCLUSIVE GREEK CONTROL AND WHICH IS USED BY US FORCES UNDER TERMS OF A BILATERAL AGREEMENT OF JANUARY 3, 1961, WAS BROUGHT TO AMBASSADOR'S ATTENTION ON JUNE 18 BY CINCUSNAVEUR, WHO HAD ALREADY INITIATED DISCREET ACTION TO ASCERTAIN WHETHER SHORTAGE REAL OR AN ACCOUNTING ERROR. AMBASSADOR EXPRESSED KEEN INTEREST IN MATTER AND ASKED TO BE CONSULTED IF SHORTAGE VERIFIED. ON JUNE 25, INITIAL RESULTS OF INVENTORY TENDED TO VERIFY SHORTAGES, AND AMBASSADOR REPEATED HIS DESIRE TO BE CONSULTED ON COURSE OF ANY ACTION TO BE TAKEN WITH GREEKS WHEN FACTS FULLY KNOWN, ON JUNE 28 CINCUSNAVEUR OUTLINED TWO ALTERNATIVE COURSES OF ACTION, AND AMBASSADOR INDICATED HIS SUPPORT FOR MESSAGE FROM CINCUSNAVEUR TO CHIEF, HELLENIC NAVY PROPOSING JOINT INVENTORY AND RECORDS REVIEW UNDER TERMS OF AGREEMENT OF JANUARY 3, 1961, TO ELIMINATE OR VERIFY MAJOR DISCREPANCIES BETWEEN MARCH 31, 1975, HELLENIC NAVY REPORT AND US INVENTORY CITED ABOVE. TO OBVIATE POSSIBILITY THAT REPORTED SHORTAGE MIGHT YET BE

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RESULT OF ACCOUNTING ERROR, WE UNDERSTAND THAT CNO ON JULY 1 ORDERED

AUDIT OF RECORDS AT OTHER MEDITERRANEAN SITES TO PARALLEL EFFORT  
AT SOUDA AND RECOMMEND LOWER LEVEL APPROACH TO GREEKS  
RATHER THAN AT CINCUSNAVEUR-CHIEF HELLENIC NAVY LEVEL.

2. EMBASSY HAS NOT RECEIVED RESULTS OF US INVENTORY SINCE  
TENTATIVE REPORT AFTER FIRST DAY AT WORK (I.E., JUNE 25  
MESSAGE). ACCORDING TO THAT MESSAGE, SHORTAGE CONSISTED  
OF 1,198 ROCKEYE CBU, 28 MK82 500 LB BOMBS, 190 MK83  
1,000 LB BOMBS, 89 MK84 2,000 LB BOMBS, 5,332 ADAPTER  
BOOSTERS-NOSE, AND 1,128 ADAPTER BOOSTERS-TAIL.

3. IF FINAL RESULTS OF RECORDS AUDIT AND INVENTORY CONFIRM  
SHORTAGES, MATTER CLEARLY WILL HAVE TO BE RESOLVED WITH  
GOG, PRESUMABLY BY RETURN OF MUNITIONS IN SAME CONDITION AS  
WHEN REMOVED OR BY FMS PURCHASE BY GOG OF ALL OR PART  
OF THE MUNITIONS.  
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NOTE BY OC/T: NOT PASSED CINCUSNAVEUR.

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